

George

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My dear Father,

I had a visit
from Mr Rawd this morn.
a few min what advice I
could. It is hard to get
people connected with the fort.
Here I understand what is
wanted in ethnology. The
memorial to the Gov several
was sent by him to the Council
& by them sent on to Dr Selwyn
with a request to confer with
a Mr Dalton of the Ind. Dept.

& make any recommendations
that might be. They seem to
think that as it has to do with
Indians the dept of the
same name should have
something to do with it.

Mr Dalton gave some suggestions
in the form of a letter which
amounted to very little except
that he thought Wilson was
to take the matter up right
for Washington to learn what
was being done there, methods
employed etc. Dr Selwyn
added suggestion that the

Govt should ask a
 Committee of the Royal
 Soc. to make recommendations,
 which is doubtless the
 right thing. The Indian
 Dept. being willing to do
 work it, or at least on
 knowledge of the scientific
 aspects of the Case. The
 most obvious thing to do as
 a beginning would be to
 take advantage of each
 work as already offers -
 such as Rands - &

Give way to print it. All
 the compensation which I
 think Rowd could expect would
 be a moderate remuneration
 for time spent by him in
 surveying & editing his work—
 perhaps fifteen months in all.
 James Sacambe of Calgary (B.C.)
 is at present working at a
 Blackfoot dictionary which if
 proper representations were made
 might also be secured when
 ready. This of course is
 private, at least the facts about
 the memorial. Am glad to see
 what you say about the B. armen
 presidency. Yours George